

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Francois GIRARD

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For : BINDING DEVICE WITH FRONT UNFASTENING

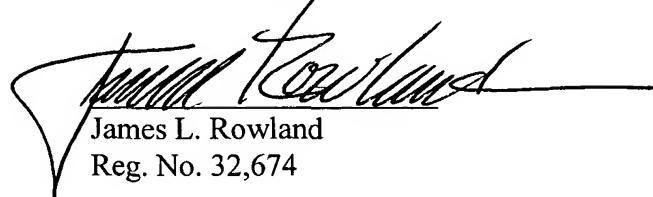
**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon French Application Nos. 01 603, filed February 2, 2001 and 02 10185, filed August 8, 2002.

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